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Hi Nina,

Just a quick note to followup to our discussions on Portland Harbor. Rick Albright mentioned your interest in our draft Environmental Justice Analysis for the Lower Duwamish Waterway, and attached for your information is a draft version that has just been sent out to a relatively small group of folks for an informal peer review. This document will go out for public comment with the EPA Proposed Plan for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Site, which is planned for end of February. Keep in mind this is the first EJ analysis of its kind in the Superfund program so we are learning as we go on this project. Also, please do not widely distribute this version as it is still a draft and the public release version will be the one we would rather people focus on - this is really an fyi for you.

I have pasted in the message (see italics) that went to our community members that are reviewing the document as it highlights a few key points about the analysis - just fyi:

Dear Community Partner:

Please find attached the very draft Environmental Justice Analysis for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Cleanup. This is a pre-publication draft meant to elicit questions or concerns that EPA can address before we finalize the draft for publication. Since this is a preliminary draft, I would appreciate it if you would refrain from sharing it with others.

As a reminder, the EJ draft will be published together with the proposed plan for public comment at the end of February, 2013. I am asking for your comments no later than Dec 27, 2012, so that we have time to fully analyze and incorporate the information we receive.

Please note the following for your review:

1. The draft is based upon the LDW Final Feasibility Study Alternatives published in November, 2012, and therefore does not include the proposed plan preferred alternative--this information will be added prior to publication of the draft EJ Analysis in February 2013.
2. The role of the analysis is to highlight potential EJ concerns and identify mitigations for adverse disproportionate impacts as recommendations for consideration in the proposed plan and record of decision. Because of its role and the fact that the remedial alternatives identified in the FS were comparable in methods (differences in extent, but comparable methods), there is a general comparison of alternatives for different environmental and environmental health impacts on the affected community. Because the document would be a lot longer and more redundant if each alternative were to be pulled out in turn and analyzed separately, the alternatives are analyzed together for each possible impact.
3. The analysis does not constitute a full equity analysis, and it instead focuses on identifying adverse

disproportionate impacts tied directly to the cleanup.

4. The attached version does not yet contain the figures. The figures are purely illustrative and are in revision - I intend to post them on a website (ftp site) together with the appendices within the next week or so and I will send you the address once they are posted. They are large and hard to read right now.

5. Please send your detailed comments in track changes or as word comments - written summaries will be more difficult to incorporate, although your general thoughts are welcome. If more than one person in your organization is commenting, please comment sequentially and use the same document (consolidate comments).

6. Also, there will be opportunities for more discussion, as we will do multiple engagement events as a part of the proposed plan outreach once the document is officially published for comment in late February.

I look forward to working with you.

Lori

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